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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA PHOENIX DIVISION

Cheryl McCreight 10201 N 44<sup>th</sup> Dr Glendale, AZ 85302

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. Collections West, Inc c/o Donald W Darnell, Registered Agent 3031 W Northern Ave #171 Phoenix, AZ 85051

Defendant.

Case No.:

Judge:

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
UNDER THE FAIR DEBT
COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT AND
OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREIN

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

Jurisdiction is founded on 28 U.S.C. §1331 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices
Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. §1692. Venue is proper because a substantial part of the events
giving rise to this claim occurred in this judicial district.

### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 2. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 3. Plaintiff incurred a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
- 4. At the time of the communications referenced herein, Defendant either owned the debt or was retained by the owner to collect the debt.
- 5. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).

- 6. Plaintiff filed this claim within the timeframe permitted under the FDCPA.
- 7. Between January and February 2009, Defendant communicated with Plaintiff several times.
- 8. During several of these communications, Defendant threatened to sue Plaintiff if Plaintiff did not pay the debt.
- 9. During several of these communications, Defendant threatened to garnish Plaintiff's wages if Plaintiff did not pay the debt.
- 10. On or around February 12, 2009, Defendant telephoned Plaintiff's place of employment and left a message in the general voice mail.
- 11. During this communication, Defendant disclosed the existence, nature, and/or amount of the debt.
- 12. During this communication, Defendant represented that Defendant needed to speak to Plaintiff's payroll department to set up a wage garnishment on Plaintiff.
- 13. On or around April 13, 2009, Defendant telephoned Plaintiff.
- 14. During this communication, Defendant threatened to garnish Plaintiff's wages if Plaintiff did not pay the debt.
- 15. At the time of these communications, Defendant had neither the intent nor ability to sue Plaintiff.
- 16. At the time of these communications, Defendant had neither the intent nor ability to garnish Plaintiff's wages.
- 17. Defendant damaged Plaintiff emotionally and mentally and caused Plaintiff substantial anxiety and stress.
- 18. Defendant violated the FDCPA.

### **COUNT ONE**

### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 20. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e in that it falsely represented the character, amount, and/or legal status of the debt.

### **COUNT TWO**

#### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 22. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e in that it threatened action that could not legally be taken and/or that was not intended to be taken.

# **COUNT THREE**

### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

- 23. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 24. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e by making misrepresentations during its communications with Plaintiff.

### **COUNT FOUR**

### **Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.
- 26. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692f in that its actions were unfair and/or unconscionable means to collect the debt.

### **JURY DEMAND**

27. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

28. Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a. Judgment against Defendant for actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k.
- b. For such other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

# RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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